

the intent of the bill has to do with user fees for the parks of Nebraska. A year ago, as you recall, we passed this bill. We stated that any vehicle, camper type, entering the parks would have to pay an annual fee of \$7.50. At that time there was considerable debate on other vehicles that might be necessarily needed people who carry on this leisure pursuit in our parks whether or not there should be a differentiated fee attached to that. The body decided at that time it should be \$7.50 for all vehicles. We find at this time this is an imposition and also a heavy burden upon many who use the camping privilege. The intent of LB 742 is to maintain the user fee annually of \$7.50 but any other vehicle would be allowed in the park for an additional fee of \$1.00. This seems to be reasonable. The committee amendments deal with this subject in terms of permits, effective dates. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, so that the body would have some idea of what's going to happen on this 742, I'd like to say that the situation we have here is that the ultimate goal of this bill will be to repeal the act and with the passing of the cigarette tax for the parks and recreation I think that there is enough support, I would hope there's enough support, to repeal the whole act but not until January 1st, 1979. The first step we have to take is to try to amend what is the present law as the Constitutional Committee saw fit to do. They said we'd change it from \$7.50 to a \$1.00 to \$7.50. Let's go ahead and adopt this first. Then I have an amendment on it to repeal the whole act effective next January 1st, 1979, and I would hope we go along with the leadership of the Constitutional Revision Committee, Senator Koch on adopting this amendment and then we can get to discuss the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will follow Senator Barnett but I'm concerned about what the Committee has done here and it's my feeling that...it's my philosophy that there should be a park entry fee. We're merely talking about the dollars and how much those dollars are. I think that last year Senator Schmit worked hard to get this particular bill passed and I certainly am in support of a park entry fee and I want to remind you what that fee goes for. It doesn't go for capital construction, Senator Barnett, just because 109 is passed. It goes for the clean ups of these state recreation areas and I think we ought to remember that and I think we really ought to just talk about the dollars, leave the bill as it is, but make those vehicles who are owned by the same party, allow them to pay \$1.00 fee when they're getting their original sticker for the second, third or fourth vehicle. I don't think that's anything that's wrong. Maybe \$7.50 is even too high. There are people in some areas who think perhaps that it's too high but I believe in a park entry fee and I really hate to see the thing messed around as it is. We were trying to bring it in here, Senator Schmit, from last year. I offered an amendment to allow those other vehicles to come in at a dollar and I would hope that we would allow that to happen, but now this committee amendment will allow